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MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF LABOUR FOR EMPLOYEES

IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, AT 30TH JUNE, 1959.

(Wages and hours are quoted from Awards, Determinations or Agreements operative at 30th June, 1959).

ADULT MALES

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours
WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.				
COOPERING -				
Cooper	358/-	40	363/-	40
FURNITURE -				
Cabinet Maker	348/-	"	350/-	"
Chairmaker	348/-	"	350/-	"
French Polisher	348/-	"	350/-	"
Wood Carver	348/-	"	350/-	"
Wood Machinist	348/-	"	350/-	"
SAWMILLING AND TIMBER YARDS				
Box and Case Maker	323/-	"	315/-	"
Labourer	297/-	"	289/-	"
Machinist -				
Boult's Carver	356/-	"	348/-	"
Moulding	356/-	"	348/-	"
Planing	356/-	"	348/-	"
Shaping	356/-	"	348/-	"
Orderman	331/-	"	323/-	"
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	358/-	"	350/-	"
Circular	350/-	"	342/-	"
Tallyman	326/-	"	318/-	"
ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.				
BOILERMAKING -				
Boilermaker	358/-	"	350/-	"
Helper	306/-	"	298/-	"
Labourer	292/-	"	284/-	"
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION				
Electrical Mechanic	357/-	"	350/-	"
ELECTRICAL SUPPLY				
Electrical Fitter	403/-	"	370/-	"
Instrument Maker	427/-	"	395/-	"
Linesman	388/-	"	350/-	"
Sub-Station Maintenance Fitter	406/-	"	350/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
30TH JUNE, 1959 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS,</u>				
<u>ETC. - (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>				
Blacksmith	360/-	40	352/6	40
Brassfinisher	358/-	"	350/-	"
Coppersmith	360/-	"	352/6	"
Fitter	358/-	"	350/-	"
Labourer	292/-	"	284/-	"
Pattersonmaker	380/-	"	372/6	"
Shaper	358/-	"	350/-	"
Striker	310/-	"	302/6	"
Turner	358/-	"	350/-	"
<u>FOUNDRY -</u>				
Coremakers - machine	333/-	"	325/-	"
Coremakers - jobbing	358/-	"	350/-	"
Dressers	330/-	"	322/6	"
Furnacemen	328/-	"	320/-	"
Moulders - machine	333/-	"	325/-	"
Moulders - jobbing	358/-	"	350/-	"
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Canister Maker	313/-	"	305/-	"
Machinist	305/-	"	297/-	"
Solderer	313/-	"	305/-	"
Sheet Metal Worker, 1st Class	358/-	"	350/-	"
Sheet Metal Worker, 2nd Class	333/-	"	325/-	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	359/-	"	362/6	"
Ovensman	367/6	"	362/6	"
Single Hand	364/-	"	385/10	"
Bread Carter	336/-	"	335/6	"
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES) -</u>				
Baker	327/-	"	313/-	"
Labourer	294/6	"	283/-	"
Mixer	314/6	"	313/-	"
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	333/-	"	325/-	"
Driver (Motor, 3 tons)	347/-	"	329/6	"
Labourer	333/-	"	318/-	"
Malt Hand	333/-	"	323/-	"
Towerman	340/-	"	325/-	"
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	326/-	"	318/-	"
General Butcher	358/-	"	350/-	"
Shopman	358/-	"	350/-	"
Smallgoodsman	358/-	"	350/-	"
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>				
Confectioner (Grade 1)	333/-	"	320/-	"
Storeman	316/-	"	306/6	"
<u>JAM MAKING -</u>				
General Labourer	302/-	"	302/-	"
Solderer	307/-	"	307/-	"
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>				
Capper	334/-	"	341/-	"
Guillotine Hand	313/-	"	353/10	"
Jokerman	327/-	"	337/-	"
Packer	313/-	"	337/-	"
Seamer	334/-	"	341/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
30TH JUNE, 1959 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours
<u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO, ETC. - (Cont'd)</u>				
<u>MILLING (FLOUR) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	400/-	40	400/-	40
Packerman	338/-	"	338/-	"
Purifierman	342/6	"	342/6	"
Sifterman	342/6	"	342/6	"
Storerman (Head)	353/-	"	353/-	"
Topman	342/6	"	342/6	"
<u>PASTRYCOOKING -</u>				
Packer	309/-	"	281/-	"
Pastrycook	353/-	"	332/-	"
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>				
Clicker	332/-	"	332/-	"
<u>TAILORING (ORDER) -</u>				
Cutter	426/-	"	373/-	"
Presser	323/-	"	335/-	"
Tailor	334/-	"	346/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE) -</u>				
Cutter	351/-	"	351/-	"
Presser	335/-	"	335/-	"
Tailor	346/-	"	346/-	"
Trimmer	335/-	"	335/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING (WOOLLEN MILLS) -</u>				
Carder	310/-	"	310/-	"
Dyehouseman	315/-	"	315/-	"
Labourer (General)	281/-	"	281/-	"
Scourer (Wool)	324/6	"	324/6	"
Spinner	310/-	"	310/-	"
Loom Tuner	348/-	"	348/-	"
Warper (Plain)	313/-	"	313/-	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Finisher	358/-	"	350/-	"
Bookbinder	358/-	"	350/-	"
Paper Ruler	358/-	"	350/-	"
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPERS) -</u>				
Compositor (Machine) -				
Day Work	436/-	"	465/6	38
Night Work	456/-	"	502/6	"
Machinist (First Hand) -				
Day Work	391/-	"	441/6	40
Night Work	411/-	"	478/6	38
Publisher -				
Day Work	361/-	"	378/6	40
Night Work	381/-	"	415/6	38
Reader -				
Day Work	401/-	"	441/-	40
Night Work	421/-	"	478/-	38
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	391/-	"	437/-	39
Night Work	411/-	"	474/-	38
<u>PRINTING (JOBPING OFFICES) -</u>				
Compositor	380/6	"	372/6	40
Linotype Operator	380/6	"	372/6	"
Machinist	358/-	"	350/-	"
Reader	365/6	"	357/6	"
Stereotyper	358/-	"	350/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

30TH JUNE, 1959 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKMAKING</u> -				
Burner	324/6	40	314/-	40
Pitman	339/6	"	336/-	"
Drawer	346/6	"	327/6	"
Trucker	335/-	"	309/6	"
Setter	346/6	"	327/6	"
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING</u> -				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	358/-	"	350/-	"
Labourer	286/-	"	278/-	"
Painter	350/6	"	342/6	"
Springfitter	358/-	"	350/-	"
Trimmer	350/6	"	342/6	"
Wheelwright	358/-	"	350/-	"
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY</u> -				
Coke Trimmer	315/-	"	318/6	"
Gasfitter	369/-	"	353/6	"
Labourer	326/-	"	308/3	"
Meter Tester	338/-	"	332/6	"
Service Layer	343/-	"	352/6	"
Service Layer's Labourer	312/-	"	324/6	"
Operator retort house	333/-	"	338/-	"
<u>JEWELLERY</u> -				
Chainmaker	346/-	"	325/6	"
Mounter	361/-	"	353/-	"
Setter	361/-	"	353/-	"
<u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK</u> -				
Canvas Worker	335/-	"	327/-	"
Leather Worker	335/-	"	327/-	"
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING</u> -				
Beamsman	336/6	"	328/6	"
Labourer	306/6	"	298/6	"
Lime Jobber	334/6	"	326/6	"
Machinist -				
Shaving	344/-	"	336/-	"
Splitting	361/6	"	353/6	"
Unhairing	336/6	"	328/6	"
Tableman	337/6	"	329/6	"
<u>BUILDING (a)</u> -				
Bricklayer (Surface)	380/-	"	398/4	"
Bricklayer (Sewer and Tunnel)	400/-	"	413/11	"
Carpenter	388/4	"	415/-	"
Mason (Stone)	378/-	"	357/-	"
Painter	375/-	"	395/10	"
Paperhanger	375/-	"	395/10	"
Signwriter	390/-	"	395/10	"
Plasterer (Surface)	385/-	"	398/4	"
Plumber	392/7	"	414/5	"
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	334/2	"	342/6	"
Carpenter's	334/2	"	342/6	"
Concrete Worker	334/2	"	342/6	"
Earth Excavator	334/2	"	342/6	"
Gear Worker	345/-	"	364/2	"
Scaffold Hand	345/-	"	364/2	"

* Rates shown are not strictly comparable with those previously supplied.

(a) Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job, etc.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
30TH JUNE, 1959 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS -</u>				
Engine Driver (Loco) -				
Steam, Diesel Electric or Electric	417/-	Ø	410/-	Ø
Express Mail or Passenger	432/-	Ø	425/-	Ø
Shunting Engine	372/-	Ø	351/6	Ø
Fireman -				
Ordinary	334/6	Ø	327/6	Ø
Express Mail or Passenger	342/-	Ø	335/-	Ø
Shunting Engine	315/6	Ø	308/6	Ø
Guard -				
1st Class	360/-	Ø	368/-	Ø
2nd Class	336/-	Ø	353/-	Ø
Porter	305/-	Ø	312/6	Ø
Shunter -				
Head	420/-	+
Leading	378/6	+	371/6	+
Ordinary	336/-	+	329/-	+
Signalman -				
1st Class	398/6	+	365/-	+
2nd Class	383/6	Ø	348/-	Ø
3rd Class	372/-	Ø	335/-	Ø
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
Conductor -				
1st Year	308/-	Ø	298/-	40
2nd Year and thereafter	323/-	Ø	312/6	"
Labourer	306/-	Ø	293/-	"
Track Repairer	319/-	Ø	301/-	"
Tram Driver	335/6	Ø	320/-	"
Pitman	335/6	Ø	324/-	"
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>				
Carter -				
1 Horse	312/-	40	303/-	"
2 Horses	321/-	"	318/-	"
Stable Hand	312/6	"	297/6	"
Motor Lorries and Waggons -				
3 tons	339/-	"	329/6	"
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	352/6	"	341/-	"
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	10/10		10/10	
<u>HOTELS, ETC.,</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	323/-	40	315/-	"
Billiard Marker	303/-	"	295/-	"
Cook	398/-	"	390/-	"
Handyman	303/-	"	295/-	"
Kitchenman	303/-	"	295/-	"
Porter	303/-	"	295/-	"
Waiter	303/-	"	295/-	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Hairdresser	346/-	"	328/-	"

Ø 80 hours per fortnight.

+ 76 hours per fortnight.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,30TH JUNE, 1959 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	346/-	40	338/-	40
2nd Class	335/6	"	327/6	"
Fireman -				
1st Class	328/-	"	320/-	"
2nd Class	315/6	"	307/6	"
<u>MUNICIPAL -</u>				
Labourer	339/-	"	308/6	"
Street Sweeper	345/-	"	314/-	"
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	338/-	"	318/9	"
Drapery Salesman	338/-	"	318/9	"
Furniture Salesman	338/-	"	322/9	"
Grocery Salesman	338/-	"	318/9	"
Hardware Salesman	338/-	"	318/9	"
Men's Clothing Salesman	338/-	"	318/9	"
<u>STOREMEN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	316/-	"	306/6	"
Storeman (General)	316/-	"	306/6	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,30TH JUNE, 1959

<u>FOOD</u>				
<u>BISCUIT MAKING</u>	229/-	40	217/-	40
<u>CONFECTIONERY</u>	221/-	"	212/-	"
<u>CLOTHING AND TEXTILES</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING</u>	229/-	"	229/-	"
<u>DRESSMAKING (READYMADE) - Cutter</u>	248/-	"	248/-	"
<u>MILLINERY -- Cutter</u>	248/-	"	248/-	"
<u>SHIRT MAKING - Cutter</u>	248/-	"	248/-	"
<u>UNDERCLOTHING - Cutter</u>	248/-	"	248/-	"
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) ORDER -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	248/-	"	248/-	"
Trousers and Vest Hand	233/6	"	233/6	"
Tailoress	269/-	"	269/-	"
Adult Female	213/-	"	213/-	"
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) READYMADE -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	236/6	"	236/6	"
Trousers and Vest Hand	230/6	"	230/6	"
Adult Female	213/-	"	213/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN MILLS -</u>				
Comb Minder	227/-	"	227/-	"
Darner and Mender	232/-	"	232/-	"
Warper, Plain	229/-	"	229/-	"
Weaver, Loom	232/-	"	232/-	"
Gillbox Minder	225/-	"	225/-	"
Other Adult	211/-	"	211/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.30TH JUNE, 1959 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING</u> -				
Folder	236/-	40	230/-	40
Sewer	236/-	"	230/-	"
<u>CARDBOARD BOX</u> -				
Boxmaker	234/-	"	228/-	"
Other	224/6	"	218/6	"
<u>PRINTING</u> -				
Jobbing Office Assistant	236/-	"	230/-	"
<u>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS</u>				
<u>HOTELS</u> -				
Barmaid	249/6	"	315/-	"
Housemaid	229/-	"	223/-	"
Laundress	230/-	"	224/-	"
Waitress - Head	236/-	"	230/-	"
Other	229/-	"	223/-	"
<u>RESTAURANTS</u> -				
Pantry Maid	234/6	"	212/-	"
Waitress	234/6	"	212/-	"
<u>SHOPS, ETC.</u>				
<u>CLERKS</u> -				
Cashier (Shops)	266/6	"	243/9	"
Clerical Assistant	259/-	"	239/6	"
<u>SHOPS</u> -				
Boot Saleswoman	266/6 & 338/-	"	226/- & 318/9	"
Drapery Saleswoman	266/6 & 338/-	"	226/- & 318/9	"
Fruit and Confectionery				
Saleswoman	259/-	"	222/-	"
Newsagent and Bookstall				
Saleswoman	259/-	"	214/9	"

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